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1. Because of personal conflicts and jurisdictional disputes between personnel of the Zistersdorf Oil Staff and the Central Administration of the Soviet Oil Enterprises in Austria (Hauptverwaltung der sowjetischen Oelbetriebe in Oesterreich) at Vienna I, Kantgasse, the Oil Staff frequently disregards orders from the Kantgasse administration and attempts in other ways to minimize the importance of the main office. Because of this conflict, it was rumored early in January 1948 that the Oil Staff was to be dissolved, but no later indications of the dissolution have appeared.
2. Recently, a difference of 1200 tons was discovered between actual production of ITAG holdings in Zistersdorf and the total yearly figures reported by Soviet Director Tsigankov. In order to meet at least partially the field's daily quota of 230 tons as prescribed by the central office in Kantgasse, Tsigankov, during the last five months of 1947, had been adding about 240 tons per month to his production report, for a total reported production of 63,474 tons. Because of his demonstrated incompetence and his falsification of production figures, Tsigankov has been notified that he will soon be replaced. He is now turning over his office to a successor whose name has not been reported but who is said to have been selected from among the Kantgasse personnel.
3. Daily average production of the ITAG fields for the first six months of 1947 was 200 tons. In an attempt to reach a prescribed quota of 230 tons, the operating superintendent, Engineer Dietrich (since November 1947 head of the drilling department) ordered a rigorous depressurization of the field. For two months this policy brought production up to an average of 220 tons per day; then production dropped rapidly to its present average of 125 tons per day.

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4. [REDACTED] the following example of practices detrimental to the future yield of the Zistersdorf wells which have been previously carried out by the Russians. Immediately after the Soviets took over the oil fields in 1945, in order to provide raw material for the former SS Vogelberg refinery at Hauskirchen, Lower Austria, they ordered the opening of all eruptive wells in the ITAG and DEA fields. For three full months these wells provided oil from nozzleless 2 1/2-inch pipes, resulting in complete depressurization of both [REDACTED]

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